# The Vermont Phanix.

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Meteorological Record. WEEK ENDING THURSDAY EVENING, Dec. 1, 1808.

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The women of the Baptist society will hold a Mother Goose Bazaar on Thursday evening, Dec 8. Supper will be served at 6 o'clock by little old women who lived on nothing but victuals and drink. An entertainment will follow, given by Mother Goose and her wonderful troups. There will be a sale of fancy and household articles, candy, etc. Supper 15 cents; admission 10 cents. Furnished rooms to rent. Mrs F. E. Baker, Boyden block, Elliot street.

A college graduate and experienced teacher solicits tutoring. IDA M. FULLER, I Bullock street To REST.-One upstairs and one downstairs nement in Rev. Slack's remodeled house on Knapp Brothers' strain. Price \$1. F. W. Ston. DARD, Vernon, Vt.

Plane-forte instruction. Special attention given to new beginners. Edith A. Barnano, Tenements to rent-Convenient, centrally le

cated, low rent. Enquire of Mrs. Cutler, 58 Elliot street.

Marcus Ward & Co,'s Royal Irish linen stationery at Clapp and Jones's. Waterman fountain pens the best. Full as-

CLAPP & JONES. Several desirable tenements. S W. EDGETT & Co.

Good room and board for two gentlemen at 28 freen street. Mus. S. M. Marietta. Green street. Two tenements to rent-Five room tenement

en first floor at \$7.50; four-room tenement on second floor, \$8. These tenements are connected with sewer and have the best of water. Enquire of BARROWS & Co. Beautiful framed pictures at low prices.

CLAPP & JONES. To REST .- Upstairs tenement of five large rooms at 32 Washington street; price \$8. C. B. Lamson. Have your pictures framed at Clapp & Jones's Popular sheet music and books. Strings for all Instruments and musical supplies at Clapp &

For Sale Cheap A good covered sleigh. (Second hand) GEO. F. GALE.

#### Watches. We can show you a fine assortment of watches

both ladies' and gents' at prices that are right. We have a few bargains we would like to show H. H. THOMPSON. Auctioneer.

G. P. MILLER, Guilford, Vt. Terms: \$10 per day, including book-keeper and 50 posters. Orders can be left with S. W. Edgett & Co., 61 Main street, Brattleboro, Vt.

### Rings.

All kinds and prices in both plain and fancy.

#### Private School, Chapin Street. The second term of Miss Park's school open Monday, Dec. 5; elementary, High school and commercial courses offered. Private pupi's in

Pupils in Shorthand

And typewriting solicited. Lillan G. Park, ster er and typewriter. Office with the New York Life Insurance Co., Williston block

Vermont Wheel Club. Regular monthly meeting next Tuesday even

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### DRESS as well as the new one. BRATTLEBORO.

The annual coon supper of the Red Men will be held at their wigwam this evening at 8 o'clock.

The annual meeting of the society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, which was to have been held Tuesday evening, was indefinitely postponed on account of the absence of the secretary.

The directors of the Valley Fair association met at the Brooks House Tuesday evening and elected these officers: Presi George W. Hooker; treasurer, Julius J. Estey; secretary, Clarence L. Stickney: executive committee, Taylor, Eugene Akley and J. L. Martin, No other business was transacted.

Starkey and Schwenk, assignees of the estate of H. M. Adams, sold by public auc tion yesterday two \$1000 funding bonds of the county of Barber, Kan., which were turned over to Charles Miner as collateral They were bought by Cashier W. H. Brackett for \$800. Mr. Brackett's bid was the only bid made. The bonds

#### are 30-year bonds due July 1, 1914. May Bring Suit for Damages.

The selectmen were notified by the president of the Brattleboro Street Rallway company the first of this week that the railroad might bring an action against the town to recover for damages sustained by reason of the delay in allowing the company to take its snow plow across the Main street bridge. They were also advised to hold back a part of the money due the bridge company, with which to pay said damages. No further action has been taken in the matter, and it now remains for the board of directors of the railroad company to decide whether a claim for damages will be presented. The cars of the railroad company were stalled by the snow storm Sunday, but they expected to be able to get through Monday as they claim to have had a definite promise Saturday that they would be allowed to take their plow across the bridge Monday. When Monday came they were forbidden to cross, and they were not allowed to cross until Thursday, by which time the railroad company had cleaned the track by the use of the road scraper. The selectmen believe they were fully justified in refusing to allow the company to take its plow across the bridge. The storm pre-vented work on the bridge Sunday and on Monday there was nothing to hold the car tracks in place but a small amount of cement. The plow was allowed to cross soon as the vitrified brick had been placed against the rails, or as soon as the electmen felt that the rails were secure. It is their opinion that so far as they are responsible the railroad company has not

judgment, for the interests of the town.

Brattleboro lodge of Masons will work the Fellow Craft degree upon 10 candidates at a special communication tonight. A banquet will be served.

The directors of the Brattleboro Savines. bank will hold their regular semi-annual meeting on Wednesday of next week at which time the usual dividend will be de-

Universalist parish will hold its annual meeting in the Universalist church next Tuesday evening at 7:30 o'clock. A board of trustees will be elected and other business transacted.

The ladies of the Congregational society will serve a baked beans supper at the Congregational chapel Wednesday evening, Dec. 7, at 6 o'clock. The supper will be followed by the annual pew rental at 7:30 o'elock.

E. B. Kidder of Wardsboro was in town Monday on his way home from a visit to Massachusetts towns. He was accompanied by his famous coon hound, with which he has captured 41 coons during the

Col. J. S. Tyler Camp, Sons of Veterans, was inspected Tuesday night by Earle Marsh of Manchester, this state. The annual meeting of the camp will be held to-night, when officers will be elected. Northfield Camp of Northfield, Mass., will visit Tyler Camp this evening.

United States District attorney Martin went to Burlington yesterday to represent the government in an examination of some Chinamen who are seeking admission to the United States. He has now on hand 12 cases, four of which are new ones. The cases against the others were continued at

a former examination. The San Francisco minstrels left, on the whole, an unfavorable impression upon the audience at the Auditorium Saturday Western Ave. All modern conveniences and on line of electrics. Enquire of A. W. Childs & Co. Fon Salk. -8. C. White Lebora occkereis outnumbered by the features that were "no use." Hugh McVey's club juggling and cane manipulating was a wonderful per-formance, and La More, the contortionist, gave a remarkable exhibition.

Judge Taft of the United States circuit ourt of the Ohio district, who is being prominently mentioned as the next president of Yale university, is a Vermonter by descent, his father, the late Hon. Alphonso Taft, having been born in Townshend. Alphonso Taft was for many years a prominent lawyer in Ohio. He was secretary of war and later attorney general in Presi-dent Grant's cabinet, and also served his country as minister to Austria and later as minister to Russia.

The Congregational church sent aid to 14 families on Thanksgiving day. Some were given full turkey and chicken dinners while part dinners were given to others acording to their needs. The collection for the Associated Charities, which was taken at the union meeting, amounted to between \$6 and \$7. The Associated Charities made no special effort on Thanksgiving day as their work is constant. Calls for aid are received from one or more families every veek during the winter.

There was a small fire in Marlboro last week which appears to the insurance company in which the building was insured to have been of incendiary origin. It was in the house of Charles Bartlett, which is oc cupied by a family other than that of Mr. Bartlett. The family heard a crackling sound up stairs and they rushed up to find that the house was on fire. They extinguished the blaze but not until it had burned through the roof. It was claimed that the fire was due to a defective chimney, but it is stated that an outside person was in the house and went into the attic a short time before the fire was discovered. The building was insured through the agency of A. W. Childs & Co. An adjuster for the company with which the insurance was placed adjusted the loss at \$37.50. The loss will probably not be

The second annual amateur photographic exhibit which is to be held in the rooms of the Young Men's Christian association next month calls for the work of amateurs living in Brattleboro and in any of the near-by towns. Competitors will not be limited to any one class, but they may enter all the classes if they choose. In the competitive department there will be three classes in which prizes will be offered. Class I will include portraits and animal studies not made in studies. The first prize in the class will be \$3 and the secand \$2 Class 2 will include exteriors, andscapes and marine views. class the first prize will be \$2 and the second \$1. The third class will include ineriors, and the prize will be \$2. exhibit must be entirely the work of the exhibitor and each exhibit in any class must contain eight photographs unframed. There will also be a department for those wishing merely to exhibit their work.

There was a hearing in Jamaica Tues lay before Commissioners A. F. Schwenk and R. E. Gordon of Brattleboro and James W. Gould of Windham in the case of the petition of the town of Jamaica for state aid in the maintenance of one of the highways of Jamaica. Judge E. L. Waterman of Brattleboro appeared for the town of Jamaica. The state had no counpresent. This highway leads from Wardsboro to Wardsboro "city," and be-tween two and three miles of it is in the outhern part of Jamaica. Five years ago the state appropriated money for the sup port of this road for five years at the rate of \$475 for the first year and \$300 for each of the next four years. The five years will be up next March. The present petition is for aid for five years more under the statute which provides that if a town's tax rate is excessive as compared with the rates in the surrounding towns the state shall give aid for the support of certain highways in said town, which are of more benefit to the adjoining towns. The petition asks for an appropriation of from \$250 to \$400 for next year and \$150 for each of the next

## A Bradford Bank Case.

There was a hearing in the county clerk's office Friday afternoon before Judge James M. Tyler, chancellor, in the matter of the pre-ferred claims against the Bradford Savings Bank and Trust company of Bradford, Vt. The charter of the bank provides that certain deposits including those of married women, minors, insane persons and others shall be preferred claims in case of dissolution of the institution. The receiver, James B. Hale, claims that this rule in the charter is abrogated by subsequent general enactments. A number of the creditors were present at the hearing, and many others were represented by solicitors. A pro forma decision was given in favor of the preferred creditors, and an appeal has been taken to the Supreme court by the receiver. The case will probably come up

at the January term. A meeting of the preferred creditors was held in the evening and arrangements were made to call upon all the holders of pre-ferred claims to join in the matter. Those present at the hearing, representing about \$30,000, have united, and it is expected that all of the other preferred creditors will join. Col. John H. Watson of Bradford appeared as solicitor for the receiver. creditors were represented by J. K. Dar-ling of Chelsea, Charles C. Farnum, Esq., P. S. Conant and Hon. John B. Peckett of Bradford, Fred Arnold of Bethel, Raymond U. Smith of Wells River and C. C. Fitts been unnecessarily hindered, and they have undoubtedly acted, according to their best C C. Fitts was chosen to appear for the creditors at the Supreme court.

The High school foot ball team was photographed by J. C. Howe yesterday.

E. Wales will give his annual reception his Brattleboro dancing classes Dec. The annual reception to his Greenfield classes will be held Dec. 30.

Rev. L. D. Temple's Flemington, N. J. parishioners celebrated his birthday last week by presenting him with a handsome mahogany clock of ancient design. The engagement of the Chorus Gi 1 has

been cancelled at the Auditorium. The company was stranded at Hartford this week, but it may go on the road again. The Winchester, N. H., Star says:

"Geo. E. Richards will open a livery in the Winchester House barn as soon as the barn is vacated by Chas. Capron's stock." A. B. Clinton, physical instructor in the local Y. M. C. A. last year, was captain of the Mount Hermon junior class foot ball team which defeated the team of the senior class recently.

The Masons are arranging for a ball to be held in the armory some time in February. A paper has been circulated this week to raise money to defray the expenses of the ball.

May Lynde will go next week to Burlington where she will be cared for at the Home for Destitute Children. The home will then contain two children from Brattleboro, the other being a girl who was sent from West Brattleboro several months

Frank H. Brasor and Miss Lenna Thomas went to Guilford Wednesday evening to sing at a meeting of the Guilford reading circle at Lyman Huntley's. About 40 persons were present. The subject of the meeting was "Washington Irv-

The annual meeting of the Brattleboro East society (Congregational) will be held on Wednesday evening, Dec. 14. The annual reports will be made and a board of five trustees will be elected. The annual pew rental will be held next Wednesday evening, when a supper will be served in the chapel and parlors.

A further hearing in the case of Roy C. Havnes against the Keyes estate in Gullford was held Saturday before the commisners. Haynes asks for an allowance of \$12 a month for about two years during which time he claims to have been employed on the Keyes farm. The commissioners will report soon to the probate court. J. L. Martin was the attorney for Haynes, and C. C. Fitts and J. E. Gale for the estate.

A session of the United States court was held by Judge H. H. Wheeler at the Brooks House Tuesday. A young man named Famham of Moretown was brought in for sentence for attempting to raise a post-office money order. Upon representations in his behalf the court continued the case. The remainder of the session was devoted to minor matters concerning the Central Vermont railroad. The court adourned to Dec. 20.

County Commissioner C. F. Thompson has made a careful examination of the published elsewhere. books of the town liquor agency within a few days and has indicated to Agent Richardson several persons to whom no more iquor is to be sold. It was not intended at first to make the matter public, but it gained publicity through some of those who have been refused liquor at the agency since their names were black listed. Mr. Thompson proposes to have the liquor law enforced in so far as he is able.

The county court case of Clark L. Brown against L. C. Powers, appellant, was heard before J. H. Merrifield, referee, in East Dover Monday, S. T. Davenport of West Brattleboro appeared for the plaintiff and C. C. Fitts for the appellant. The case nvolved a book account covering a period of about 24 years in which both parties claimed a balance in their favor. Mr. Brown claims \$40 and Mr. Powers \$30. The referee will report his findings to the ounty court.

A recent issue of the Defiance Express, published at Defiance, O., contained an account of a reunion of the family of T. R. Goddard who has a large or elatives in this county. The entire famly of seven children were present. Mr. Goddard went from Landgrove to Ohio in the whole family had not since been together. Besides the children 11 other "grafts of the family" were present. Mr. Goddard is a brother of N. W. Goddard of West Townshend and Mrs. Susan Hastings of Brookline, and there are several neph ews and nieces in the West River valley Merton H. Warren of company C, Ninth

Massachusetts regiment United States volunteers, son of Mr. and Mrs. Gilman Warren of Brattleboro, with the seven Boston companies of his regiment who had been at East armory, Boston, for 20 days, was mustered out of the United States service last Saturday afternoon by Lieut,-Col. Weaver, each soldier receiving his discharge and full pay for his services. Warren, who was critically ill at Montauk when his regiment returned to Boston in September and other sick members had not received any pay from the government since they were at Camp Alger, Va., before going to Cuba. A happy crowd of over 800 at the armory that day availed themselves of the opportunity to eat their last dinner together at the expense of Uncle Sam. The Ninth Massachusetts regiment was in the United States service for a little nore than six months, and remained longer in Cuba than any other volunteer regi ment. It lost 126 men-about 13 per cent of its members-by disease. Company C ost nine men, three of whom died on One hundred are still sick at their homes or in the hospitals. Young Warren expects to resume work for the West End Street Railway company next Monday.

## Death of Edson W. Burnham.

Edson W. Burnham, 24, died at his home at 29 South Main street Monday evening. He had been ill with consump-tion about a year, and had been confined to his home more or less for several months. He had a succession of chills Monday which resulted in his death about

Mr. Burnham was born Dec. 8, 1873, in the house where he died, and was one of six children of Mrs. Malvina E. Burnham an the late Daniel A. Burnham, who came to Brattleboro from Dummerston in 1872. Three of the children are living-Althene E., wife of Charles H. Davis of 33 South Main street, Nellie L., wife of Charles M. Brazer of 29 South Main street, and Mary E., wife of Chester W. Sargent, also of 29 South Main street. Edson W. Burnham had been employed in several places in Brattleboro, but he was best known through his position as conductor for the Brattleboro Street Railway company. He made many acquaintances also while employed on Arad Hunt's milk route and in the green-houses of C. E. Allen. He was a congenial young man of exem-plary habits, and his death will be felt as a personal loss by many young people. He was a member of the Masonic fraternity, having taken two degrees in that order,

Funeral services were held at the house o'clock yesterday afternoon, Rev. H. D. Maxwell officiating. There was a large number of beautiful floral pieces from neighbors and friends. Solos were rendered by Miss Lenna Thomas. The burial was in the family lot in Dummerston Centre. The bearers were Edgar A. Stoddard, J. Warren Miller, Aithur P. Simonds and Harry N. Thomas.

A. V. May has finished the extensive repairs he has been making on the Wessle-

hoeft water-cure building The third in the series of Masonic socials was held in Masonic hall Tuesday evening. There was a very good attendance and a pleasant evening was spent.

Dr. L. D. O. Jacques, who has had an office in the Ryther building for nearly a year past, has moved his office furniture to Worcester, Mass., where his parents' home is. Dr. Jacques is undecided as to whether he will open an office in Worcester.

The Estey Organ company has bought a new steam engine to furnish motive pow-Arrangements now being made for laying the foundation for it and it is exp eted that it will arrive so as to be put in place next month. diameter and has a face of about 34 inches. The present engine has been in use since It has done excellent work, but it has shown signs of wear during the past

Miss Edith Newcomb, 17, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. Wallace Newcomb of Fitchburg, Mass., died Wednesday morning at the Massachusetts general hospital in Boston, where she had been but a few lays. She had been ill with consumption for several years. She was born in Brat-tleboro May 11, 1881, and lived here until her parents moved to Fitchburg six years ago. She was a particularly active young woman while she lived in Brattleboro, and she had many friends here and in Fitchburg to whom her death comes as a per-

Frank E. Howe, for a year past local ditor of the Montpelier Daily Record, arrived at his mother's in this village Tueslay afternoon, and leaves tonight for New York. He will sail tomorrow for Florida. where he will spend the winter. Mr Howe was given a handsome fountain pen by his fellows at the reporters' table in the House of Representatives on Monday. The readers of The Phoenix are indebted to Mr. Howe for the complete and intelli gible reports of the legislative proceedings which have been given in our Montpelier letters. All good wishes go with Mr Howe on his journey to the land of winter flowers and sunshine.

Judges Worden of Halifax and Kellogg of Westminster were in Brattleboro yesterday to appoint the county officers for the two years ensuing, to commission the officers and receive their bonds, and to make the usual settlement of the county with the state treasurer. The officers appointed were as follows: Road commissioners, George A. Weston of Bellows Falls, Mil ton Powers of Halifax and James W. Gould of Windham; jail commiss Benedict of Newfane, P. H. Rutter of Townshend and John H. Merrifield of liamsville; treasurer, George C. Averill of Brattleboro; auditor, F. A. De Witt of Newfane; clerk, J. H. Merrifield of Williamsville. The financial statement is

S. W. Knight received notice Tuesday of the death of his grandfather, Abraham Thrower of Athol, Mass., which occurred Mr. Knight went to Athol to attend the funeral which was held Tuesday afternoon. Mr. Thrower was born in England, and was 87 years old. He had been a farmer and had acquired considerable property, to which Mr. Knight is one of the several heirs. The cause of his death was pneumonia. Mrs. Thrower was also ill with pneumonia, but she was able to attend the funeral. After Mr. Knight had gotten aboard the train to return home he eccived news of the death of Mrs. Thrower, which occurred suddenly of heart disease. Mrs. Thrower was 72 years old and was the second wife of Mr. Thrower, Her funeral was held Thursday. Mr.

Knight returned to Brattleboro last night. C. P. Gilson, with his accustomed enterprise, has opened a commission house and auction room in the vacant store in the grange building on Elliot street. It is Mr. both new and second hand, and everythin; in the way of housekeeping goods, including crockery, beds and bedding sounces now in stock a lot of sleighs, fur obes and harness. His rooms will be a place where any person or family having household goods to dispose of may place them on private sale or by auction. And tion rooms of this kind are found useful features of trade in other towns, affording an easy and always ready means of bringng buyers and sellers together, and it will abtless prove so in Brattleboro. Gilson is the man to make it go if there is go in it.

Thanksgiving of the Pilgrim Fathers. The annual Thanksgiving supper of Ft. Dummer colony, Pilgrim Fathers, which was held last evening in Red Men's hall was a very successful and enjoyable affair. About 130, including members of the colony and invited guests, were present, among the latter being Supreme Gov-ernor Taft of Keene, N. H. After a bountiful repast in the form of a chickenple supper a musical and literary program was rendered. It consisted of a plane solo by Miss Ethel Bruce; recitations by Mildred Scott, Hattle Young, Marion Baker, Mrs. Nellie Norris, Clarence Hobart and Helen Hopkins; readings by Mrs. A. J. Currier, Miss Bessie Hopkins, Miss Agnes Whitney; songs by Harry Whitney and Zetta Weld. A letter of regret from Su-preme Sergeant-at-Arms Holton of Keene, N. H., was read by Governor Chase, after which Supreme Governor Taft made brief remarks about the work of the order in the present and in the past. The remainder of the evening was spent in dancing, music being furnished by Knapp and Hines.

#### The Main Street Bridge Nears Complex tion.

The work of laying the vitrified brick thich are to form the surface roadway of the Main street bridge was begun last Monday morning. The cement, which was put top of the iron flooring of the bridge, was first covered with sand to the depth of about an inch and the brick were placed on edge in the sand. The brick were set close together. The brick were all laid by Wednesday and then the steam roller, which the bridge company sent here, was rolled over the brick, pressing them into the sand and making the surface even. A part of Wednesday afternoon and the entire day yesterday was spent in filling the crevices between the brick with cement. This cement is of the best quality. It was mixed with water until it was very thin and was then carried in pails to the dif-ferent parts of the bridge and poured out on to the brick. Men then went over it with brushes and grouted it into the crevices. It is expected that the cement will be hard enough by next Monday or Tuesday to admit of the opening of the bridge to public travel. The supply of brick was not sufficient to cover the whole of the bridge, the space left uncovered being about two feet wide and extending from the electric railroad track to the corner near Emerson & Son's store. This space will be covered for the present with plank so that travel will not in any wise be in-terfered with. The walks for foot passengers on either side of the bridge are to be made of concrete by the town. Whether that will be done before warm weather

Mrs. Harriett Brasor-Pratt made her Brooklyn, N. Y., debut on Wednesday evening, when she sang at an extensive choral and orchestral concert by the Arion Singing society in the Academy of Music.

"The Silver Cross," the official organ of the international order of King's Daughters and Sons, contains in a recent issue a short article upon Brattleboro by Florence E. Clark, together with a halftone portrait of Miss Clark.

The evening session of the Woman's club will hold its regular meeting Monday evening with Mrs. W. P. Jones on Oak street. There will be a paper by Miss Susan Clark. The afternoon session met Thursday with Miss Genevelve Slate. The women of the Baptist society will hold a "Mother Goose Bazaar" next

a Greene engine, manufactured in Providence, R. I., and has a capacity of 300 at 6 o'clock, after which an entertainment will be given by Mother Goose and her troupe. There will be a sale of fancy ar-Harry L. Allen of Boston and Miss Car-

rie Hutchinson of Somerville were married

in Somerville on Thanksgiving day. Mr. Allen, who is well known by the young people of Brattleboro, went to Boston five years ago, and is now employed in the Scollay square station of the Subway. Mr. and Mrs. Allen will begin housekeeping in Somerville, where they will be at home after Dec. 15 at 17 Victoria street. H. C. Clisbee was driving one of C. W. Puffer's grocery teams down Church street hill Tuesday morning when the crossbar of

the sleigh hit the horse's legs, frightening him so that he started out Eiliot street at a violent rate of speed. Mr. Clisbee was thrown off the sleigh near the engine house, but the horse kept on until he was stopped near Brown's livery stable. sleigh was only slightly damaged and Mr. Clisbee escaped with a few slight bruises. Mr. and Mrs. Arthur E. Carpenter of Boson came to Brattleboro Saturday with the ody of their daughter, Miss Keziah B. Car-

penter, whose death was announced in The Phoenix last week. The burial was in Prospect Hill cemetery, Rev. Thomas Cull officiating. Miss Carpenter died Nov. 24, of erysipelas. Mr. Carpenter lived in Brattleboro about six years ago, and was employed in the office of the Carpenter Organ company. The family made many friends while here.

The Brattleboro Woman's Indian asso tation held its annual meeting at Mrs. J. Tyler's on Thursday. The old board of officers was reviected. President, Mrs. B. Rice; secretary and treasurer, Mrs. M. Tyler; committee, Mrs. G. E. Crowell, Miss Helen Brown, Mrs. C. L. Howe. Mrs. Joseph Draper, Mrs. H. Atherton, and Mrs. A. C. Davenport, Reports of the last year's work were read, and it was voted unanimously to send a Christmas barrel to the Crow Creek hospital for women and children, South Dakota,

week is of local interest and application. It provides that in a town having an in-corporated school district the public school noney shall be divided in proportion to the number of legal schools that have been maintained in the town and incorporated districts respectively during the preceding school year. Heretofore the division has been on the basis of average attendance of pupils. The effect of the change in Brattleboro will be to increase the amount of money going to the town district.

One end of the store house at the plant of the Snowflake canning factory has set tled three or four inches since work at the factory ceased, owing to the large amount of canned goods which have been stored there. Baxter Brothers have engaged W. H. Fletcher to raise the building to its original position, which is being done by means of jack screws. The building was constructed according to specifications which were furnished by Baxter Brothers so that no blame can be attached to the ontractors on account of the settling of the building.

Gilson's purpose to keep always on sale the lecture by A. E. Dolbear, professor of there a large stock of household furniture. The employes in the during Sturges's absence besides for What we know of the ether." Professor Dolbear is conceded to be one of the leading physicists in the country and his lec-ture was one which showed careful study of the subject. This was the first in the course of lectures to be given here this vinter under the auspices of the Murray club, and it is to be congratulated upon curing such a speaker as Professor Dolear for the opening lecture.

Mrs. Susan E. W. Atwater, S1, died at her home in West Brattleboro yesterday morning from the infirmities of old age. She had been ill about two years. She retired in her usual spirits and went to sleep, but she did not again waken. Fuieral services will be held in the Congregational church at West Brattleboro at :30 o'clock Sunday afternoon, Kev. J. H. Babbitt officiating. The body will be ourial in Oak Grove cemetery beside Mrs. Atwater's first husband, and there will probably be services at that place. Mrs. Atwater was born in Brattleboro Dec. 13, 1816, and she was a daughter of the late Dr. Willard Arms and Susan Arms of West Brattleboro. She was twice married. Her first husband was the late Rev. Edward Wright, a Congregational minister. Atwater was also a Congregational minis ter. Mrs. Atwater buried one son, who died from the effects of army service

Those who remember hearing Miss Ella. M. Chamberlin, the whistling soloist, in her appearances here a few years ago, un der the auspices of the Y. M. C. A. and of the Philharmonic society, without doub recall the unique and artistic performance which she gave, and will not need to be assured of the musical treat which will await them at the auditorium next Tuesday evening. Those who have not heard her may safely count on hearing an artist who is unsurpassed in her somewhat unisual field. Miss Chamberlin is accom panied by Miss Annie Sherriff, a soprano soloist of high rank, and Miss Caroline Belle Nichols, one of Boston's most gifted readers, each of whom is an artist of acknowledged ability. The Boston concert trio, as they are called, appear here under the auspices of the Woman's club, and in addition to the entertainment, patrons will have the satisfaction of knowing that they are aiding a good cause, as the are to be devoted wholly to the kindergarten and other philanthropic work of the

## Probate Court Proceedings.

club. The probate court held its regular November session Saturday. The following business was transacted: The final ac-count of Walter S. Brown of Whitigham, executor of the will of Willis E. Brown, was allowed and the balance in his hands was ordered distributed according to the will of the deceased. The will of Emma Sargent of West Brattleboro was allowed and John P. Sargent was appointed executor. The will of Joshua Guilford was allowed and Harry Ward and George P. Miller were appointed apprais-The will of Honora Cummings of Brattleboro was allowed and H. H. Thomp son was appointed executor. The final account of Laura Pratt of Dummerston, administratrix of the estate of R. Morton Pratt, was allowed and the balance in her hands decreed to Laura A. Pratt, widow

REV. FRED E. MARBLE

Has Accepted a Call to Become Pastor of the First Baptist Church--- Will Begin His Duties Next Sunday ... A Sketch of His Life.

Rev. F. E. Marble of Wallingford, Conn. has accepted the call which the First Baptist church voted last Sunday to extend to him, and he will come to Brattleboro in season to occupy the pulpit next Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Marble will not occupy the parsonage for the present. Rev. Mr. Marble preached at the Baptist church several Sundays and although he was not a can-didate it was evident from the beginning that he was the man who could lead and inspire the church in its work. The church voted unanimously in favor of extending the call, and its people are to be congratulated that Mr. Marble has seen

fit to accept.

Rev. Fred E. Marble is a native of New York state and was born at Honeoye Falls, June 21, 1861. He became converted at the age of 14, and decided to study for the ministry two years later. He was licensed to preach Feb. 11, 1882. He graduated from Cook Academy at Montour Falls, N. Y., in the class of 1883, from the University of Rochester in the class of 1887 and from the Rochester Theological Seminary in the class of 1890. He began preaching as stated supply of the First Christian church at Orangeport, N. Y., in the spring of his senior year in college and served the church for nine months. He ontinued preaching throughout his entire course in the theological seminary, serving the Lyall Avenue Mission in Rochester for one year and many other churches for

shorter periods. On July 4, 1890, he accepted a call from the First Baptist church of Wallingford, Conn., and entered upon the pastorate Aug. 10. He was ordained to the gospel ministry Sept. 25 of that year. The church was at a low ebb, discouraged and \$4000 in debt. Mr. Marble left it completely reorganized, entirely out of debt, happily united and in an excellent financial condition. The audience room was renovated at an expense of over \$4000 and is now one of the finest in New England.

In September, 1894, Rev. Mr. Marble entered the philosophical department of Yale University and completed the course n 1807, receiving the degree of Doctor of Philosophy. He resigned at Wallingford in July, 1897, in order to go abroad for rest and study. He was accompanied abroad by Mrs. Marble, who was Miss Adeline L. Morris of Wallingford, and they spent the winter in Berlin, where Mr. Marble attended the lectures at the University of Berlin. They also traveled through Germany, Austria, Italy, Switzerland, Belgium, France and southern England, returning to America last June. Rev. and Mrs. Marble have enjoyed the

full confidence and hearty cooperation of A bill enacted by the legislature this week is of local interest and application. It provides that in a town having an inble has been prominently identified with temperance work and that of the young ople as well as with educational matter and all questions pertaining to the moral well-being of the community. He has a strong personality, is an earnest worker and is conscientiously devoted to what he believes is right.

BONDS FOR POST-OFFICE CLERKS.

Local Office Preparing to Comply With the Regulation-Competition for the Business by Surety Companies .- the Amount which Will Be Required of the Local Clerks

Postmaster Webster has received instrucons to prepare for complying with regulation adopted last summer requiring that all post-office clerks be placed under suitable bonds. A blanket bond must be obtained form some surety company before Jan. 1, There was a good audience at the Universalist church last evening to listen to clude the assistant postmaster, as he post-office in Brattleboro who will be reuired to give bonds are the money order and registy clerk and the two mailing clerks, and the amount of their bonds will probably be from \$1000 to \$2000.

The order sent to the Brattleboro postoffice includes with it a list of 20 surety ompanies, whose bond will be satisfactory to the government. The rule allows th postmaster considerable option in deciding e amount of the bond to be required from the different clerks, leaving the sum en-tirely to his discretion, but it is not probable that any clerk will be required to give a bond of over \$2000.

The premium charged by the surety ompanies varies, and competition for the usiness has become sharp. It is presumed, however, that a combination formed by the loan companies, inastaken to West Haven, Conn., Monday for much as the business will include all the clerks in the country, and the companies object to killing a sure thing. The must be taken, and it will be easy to divide the business among those desiring to take it. It is known that some companies do not care for the business at any rate. The letter carriers are not included in the order as they are already under bonds de signated by the department. Formerly the letter carriers gave the bonds of local business men, but that plan was changed three or four years ago.

## DEATH OF MRS. P. M. BAKER.

Margaret Austin, wife of Patrick M. saker, formerly of this town, died in Boston yesterday morning of pneumonia after an illness of only a few days' duration. Mrs. Baker went to Boston four weeks ago with her children to join her husband, who has a position in a freight office there. She was apparently well when she left home, although she had been in somewhat delicate health for several years. The body will be brought to Brattleboro this afternoon, and the funeral will be held from the Roman Catholic church Saturday morning at 9 o'clock. The burial will be in the Catholic cemetery.

Mrs. Baker was the daughter of John Austin and had spent nearly all of her life in this village. She worked for a number of years as a tailoress for F. A. Whitney. She married Patrick M. Baker Oct. 7, 1891. She leaves besides a husband, three small children, the youngest being only a few months old. She is also survived by her father and one brother, James Austin, who is employed by the Carpenter Organ company. Her sisters, Miss Katherine and Miss Mary Austin,

died several years ago. Mrs. Baker was a woman of a lovable isposition and had a large circle of friends in this town. Although of a delicate constitution she bore the cares of motherhood in an unflinching manner and was devoted to her children. Mr. Baker has the sincere sympathy of his many friends in this town in his severe affliction.

## GRANGE NEWS.

The marching staff of Protective grange gave a surprise party Tuesday evening to Mrs. Harriet Dearborn at her home on North Main street. Mrs. Dearborn is the organist of the grange and has done much hard work in its interest. In appreciation that will be done before warm weather comes again has not yet been definitely decided. The bridge has every appearance of being a very solid and enduring structure. The communication of being a very solid and enduring structure. The evening of being a very solid and enduring structure. The evening was very pleasantly spent, and refreshments were served by the marching staff-

PETITION FOR RECEIVER DENIED.

Chancellor Rowell Accepts the Master's Report as to the Value of Stock in the Farmers' & Mechanics' Exchanges Neither Side Can Recover Costs.

The Farmers' & Mechanics' Exchange has won. A receiver will not be appo to wind up its affairs. L. A. Witt and G. W. Hudson will receive respectively \$10 and \$90 for their stock in the Exchange, with interest after last Wednesday, A decreetal order was received by County Clerk Merry field on that day from Chancellor John W. Rowell accepting the master's report, dissolving the temporary injunction, deny-ing the petition of Witt and Hudson for a receiver and allowing them 40 cents on the dollar for their stock in the Exchange The orators and all other parties concerned have expressed themselves as satisfied to let the matter end with the chancellor's order, and litigation in the matter is, therefore, at an end. The following is the text of Chancellor Rowell's order;

"This case came on to be heard at this time on bill, answer, stipulation and mas-ter's report, and thereupon, on consideration thereof, it is ordered, adjudged and decreed as follows: "1st. That the master's report, filed

herein on Sept. 5, 1898, be, and the same hereby is, accepted. "2d. That the temporary injunction granted herein on March 7, 1898, be, and the same hereby is, dissolved.

"3d. That the motion for a receiver be, and the same hereby is, denied, "4th. That the defendants pay forthwith the sum of \$00 to the orator Hudson and the sum of \$10 to the orator Witt, the same being the actual cash value on Jan. 14, 1897, and thence to and including the 7th day of March, 1898, the time of the beginning of the bill, of the 45 shares of the former and the five shares of the latter of the capital stock of the Farmers' & Mechanics' Exchange, as found by the master, with interest thereon from and after

the date of the filing hereof. "5th. That neither party recover costs." In a separate note Chancellor Rowell says: "As I understand this case the only questions for decision are those submitted by the stipulation on file. These I have disposed of. I allow no interest on the sums decreed to be paid, until after the filing of the decree, as I think the defendants are not in fault for not sooner paying, for, to my mind, on the case presented, the orators cannot enforce redemption of their stock at any price, but can get it, as they do, only by stipulation, which makes the decree virtually a consent decree; and therefore, I allow no costs."

#### MOURNING CREDITORS

Would Like to Know the Whereabouts of Emil Lanthier.

Emil Lanthier, the barber who left town with his family last Friday morning, evidently forgot to pay several bills which he owed to people in this viliage, and his creditors are now making some effort to ocate his whereabouts in order to jog his memory in regard to his accounts. thier has been in town for several months. He was at one time employed in the barber shop of George Danyew and since then has worked in other shops at various times. Last week he opened a shop in Gould's poolroom in Whetstone block but sold it a few days after to William Currin,

Lanthier was hired last week Wednes-day by Walter Sturges to work for him until he returned from Readsboro. Mr. Sturges received word Friday morning that his shop was closed and he started home immediately to find out the cause. Meanwhile Lanthler sent the key to the shop to C. W. Puffer, and left on the 9:10 train Friday morning. Upon receiving the key Mr. Puffer, who was interested in the man to the amount of several dollars, started out to investigate the matter, but he reached the station several minutes too late. When Mr. Sturges returned from Readsboro he found that Lanthier had taken with him what money he had earned to leave some cash which he had previous ly borrowed.

## CHURCH AND SOCIETY.

Christian Science service Sunday in Grange hall at 11. Subject, "God Preserver of Man." All are welcome. The Woman's Auxiliary will hold its egular monthly meeting in the Y. M. C.

parlor next Tuesday afternoon at 3 o'clock. Christian Science service at 26 Prospect street Sunday at 10:45; jalso meeting Friday evening at 7:30. All interested are

welcome. Rev. F. Barrows Makepeace of Springfield, Mass., who has been hired by the trustees of the Congregational church to supply the pulpit during December, will present at the prayer meeting tonight. Unitarian church, Rev. E. Q. S. Osgood,

pastor. Services every Sunday at 10:30

A. M. Sunday school at 11:45 A. M. Next Sunday Mr. Osgood will preach upon "The Power Behind the Leaven." All are wel-Morning worship in the Universalist church at the usual hour, with preaching by the pastor; 11:45, Sunday school; 6 P. M., Young People's Christian union me

ng; 7 P. M., vesper service, subject of address, "Icy Sidewalks." The first meeting of the Alliance study class will be held at the reception room at the Brooks House next Monday evening at 7:30 o'clock. Rev. E. Q. S. Osgood will give a paper on Judge Sewall and the times of the witch-craft delusion. Mem

bers and friends are invited to be present. At the Adventist church Sunday morning prayer meeting at 10:45. Sunday school at 12 M. At 2:30 the pastor's subject will be, "Who Shall Declare His Gen-eration." Children's meeting at 5:45, led by Mrs. Coller. Loyal Workers' prayer meeting at 6:30, led by one of its mem-bers. Communion at 7:30 p. m. and re-

## ceiving of members. All are welcome.

W. C. T. U. NOTES. The W. C. T. U. will meet next Wednesday afternoon at the Y. M. C. A. par-

lors at 3 o'clock. The W. C. T. U. held a very enjoyable meeting Tuesday afternoon and evening with Mrs. Morse at Mr. Fessenden's in Esteyville. A social time was spent. In the evening time was taken up with recitations by Mrs. Mixer and others, much to the amusement of those present. Supper

### was served. \$100 Reward \$100.

The readers of this paper will be pleased to learn that there is at least one dreaded disease that science has been able to cure in all its stages, and that is Catarrh. Hall's Catarrh Cure stages, and that is Catarrh. Hall's Catarrh Cure is the only positive cure known to the medical fraternity. Catarrh being a constitutional disease, require a constitutional treatment. Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally, acting directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system, thereby destroying the foundation of the disease, and giving the patient strength by building up the constitution and a sisting nature in doing its work. The proprietors have so much faith in its curative powers, that they offer \$100 for any case that it fails to cure. Send for list of testimonials.

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